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At page 1, line 5, please amend the specification as follows:

This application:

(1) is a continuation of pending prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/910,646, now U.S. Patent No. 6,652,588, filed 07/19/2001 by Daniel E. E. Hayes, Jr. et al. for BIMETAL TIBIAL COMPONENT CONSTRUCT FOR KNEE JOINT PROSTHESIS (Attorney's Docket No. HAYES-3) ; and

(2) is a continuation ~~This application claims benefit of (1)~~ pending prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/901,310, filed 07/09/2001 by Alfred S. Despres III et al. for IMPLANT WITH COMPOSITE COATING (Attorney's Docket No. HAYES-707 CON), which is in turn a continuation of prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/079,502, now U.S. Patent No. 6,261, 322, filed 05/14/1998 by Alfred S. Despres III et al. for IMPLANT WITH COMPOSITE COATING (Attorney's Docket No. 13928-707/HAYES-079502/HAYES-707), and (2) claims the benefit of pending prior U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/219,961, filed 07/20/2000 by Daniel E. E. Hayes, Jr. et al. for BIMETAL TIBIAL COMPONENT CONSTRUCT (Attorney's Docket No. HAYES-3 PROV).

The ~~two~~ four above-identified patent applications are hereby incorporated herein by reference.